

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 16. For convenience in examination, all pending claims are set forth below.

1. (Original) An apparatus for connecting a microphone alternately to a telephone line and an alternative device, said apparatus comprising:
 - a device connector for connecting said apparatus to said alternative device;
 - a telephone connector for connecting said apparatus to said telephone line;
 - 5 a microphone connector for connecting said apparatus to said microphone; and
 - a switching circuit connected to said device, telephone and microphone connectors, said switching circuit connecting said telephone connector to said microphone connector in response to sensing a voltage greater than a predetermined threshold on said telephone line, and said switching circuit connecting said microphone
 - 10 connector to said alternative device connector when the voltage sensed on said telephone line is less than said predetermined threshold voltage.

2. (Original) An apparatus as in Claim 1 wherein said switching circuit is included in a computer telephone integration (CTI) module.

3. (Original) An apparatus as in Claim 1 wherein said device is a personal computer.

4. (Original) An apparatus for connecting a headset alternately to a telephone line and an alternative device, said apparatus comprising:

- a device connector for connecting said apparatus to said alternative device;
- a telephone connector for connecting said apparatus to said telephone line;
- 5 a microphone connector for connecting said apparatus to said headset; and
- a switching circuit connected to said device, telephone and headset connectors, said switching circuit connecting said telephone connector to said headset connector in response to sensing a voltage greater than a predetermined threshold on said telephone line, and said switching circuit connecting said headset connector to said
- 10 device connector when the voltage sensed on said telephone line is less than said predetermined threshold voltage.

5. (Original) An apparatus as in Claim 4 wherein said switching circuit is included in a computer telephone integration (CTI) module.

6. (Original) An apparatus as in Claim 4 wherein said device is a personal computer.

7. (Original) A method for connecting a microphone alternately to an alternative device and a telephone line, said method comprising the steps of:

connecting said microphone, telephone line, and alternative device to a switching

device;

- 5 sensing the voltage on said telephone line; and
- switching said microphone to said telephone line whenever said voltage is greater than a predetermined threshold voltage, and to said alternative device whenever said voltage is less than said predetermined voltage.

8. (Original) A method as in Claim 7 wherein said switching is implemented by a computer telephone integration (CTI) module.

9. (Original) An apparatus as in Claim 7 wherein said device is a personal computer.

10. (Original) A method for connecting a headset alternately to an alternative device and a telephone line, said method comprising the steps of:

- connecting said headset, telephone line, and alternative device to a switching device;
- 5 sensing the voltage on said telephone line; and
- switching said headset to said telephone line whenever said voltage is greater than a predetermined threshold voltage, and to said alternative device whenever said voltage is less than said predetermined voltage.

11. (Original) A method as in Claim 10 wherein said switching is implemented by a computer telephone integration (CTI) module.

12. (Original) A method for switching between a personal computer and a telephone, comprising the steps of:

issuing a voice command to switch from a telephone call to a personal computer.

13. (Original) A method as in Claim 12 wherein said switching is implemented by a computer telephone integration (CTI) module.

14. (Original) An apparatus for switching between a personal computer and a telephone, comprising:

a device connector for connecting said apparatus to said personal computer;

a telephone connector for connecting said apparatus to said telephone line;

5 a microphone connector for connecting said apparatus to said microphone; and

a switching circuit connected to said device, telephone and microphone

connectors, said switching circuit connecting said telephone connector to said

microphone connector in response to recognizing a first voice command, and said

switching circuit connecting said microphone connector to said device connector in

10 response to recognizing a second voice command.

15. (Original) An apparatus as in Claim 14 wherein said switching circuit is included in a computer telephone integration (CTI) module.

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